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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$180,000 FOR THE RHODE ISLAND STATE
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND ITS THREE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Felag, and Britto

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 WHEREAS, In 1944, the Rhode Island General Assembly established conservation
2 districts in order to direct programs to protect local renewable natural resources for the benefit of
3 Rhode Island and its people; and

4 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island State Conservation Committee was established as an
5 agency within the Department of Environmental Management, and consists of three Conservation
6 Districts, Eastern, Northern and Southern; and

7 WHEREAS, The three conservation districts main program areas are farmland viability,
8 farm conservation plans, water quality protection, environmental education and
9 landowner/producer outreach; and

10 WHEREAS, Funding is essential for the continuation of the Conservation Committee's
11 efforts, including the one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) per year that would restore
12 the budget required, but not provided since 2006, to continue these essential services; now,
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
15 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2023-2024, the sum of one hundred eighty thousand
16 dollars (\$180,000) for the Rhode Island State Conservation Committee and its three Conservation
17 Districts to be distributed as follows, thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to the Rhode Island State
18 Conservation Committee, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Northern Rhode Island
19 Conservation District, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Southern Rhode Island

1 Conservation District, and fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Eastern Rhode Island
2 Conservation District; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders
3 upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, upon receipt of properly authenticated
4 vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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3 Districts.

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